

*Election Expenses*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** The division on Motion No. 5 is deferred.

The question now before the House is in respect of Motion No. 6. All those in favour will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** The division on Motion No. 6 is deferred.

I understand it is agreed that we will now move to the consideration of Motions Nos. 7, 17 and 31. Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Motion No. 7 stands in the name of the hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) and reads as follows:

No. 7.

December 14, 1973—That Bill C-203, to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses, be amended by inserting, between the words "otherwise" and "shall" in Section 13.1(5)(a) of Subclause 4(1) the following: "shall be in Canadian funds and directly from Canadian sources and"—

(b) An association or organization of the members of a registered party within an electoral district may choose a person or persons to be electoral district agents for the purposes of that registered party in that electoral district and may so notify the registered party who may forthwith notify the Chief Electoral Officer setting out the name and address of such persons and such information shall be recorded by the Chief Electoral Officer in the registry referred to in subsection (1)."

We are also considering Motions Nos. 17 and 31. Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Motion No. 17 standing in the name of the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) and Motion No. 31 standing in the name of the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin) read as follows:

No. 17.

That Bill C-203, to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses, be amended by removing the comma at the end of line 4 at page 12 and adding the following:

"provided, however, that all such money shall be in Canadian funds and directly from Canadian sources."

No. 31.

That Bill C-203, to amend the Canada Elections Act, the Broadcasting Act and the Income Tax Act in respect of election expenses, be amended in Sub-clause 9(2) by inserting between the words "class" and the word "and" in line 39 at page 21 the following:

"provided, however, that all such money shall be in Canadian funds and directly from Canadian sources".

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, in dealing with this motion—

**An hon. Member:** Are we dealing with Motion No. 7?

**Mr. Howard:** We are dealing with Motion No. 7 in a formal way, and we are also dealing with Motions Nos. 17 and 31, the latter being in the name of the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre (Mr. Benjamin).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger):** Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would like me to call all three motions so there will be no mistake. The House is now dealing with Motions Nos. 7, 17 and 31.

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, there is not much to be said about Motions Nos. 7, 17 and 31, except that they express the desire of various individuals and organizations in this country in respect of the source of moneys used to finance political parties during election campaigns. I do not think anyone in this House will disagree with the suggestion that we should have a law that campaign funds should not come from outside Canada.

There is also a reference to a Canadian source. I might suggest that I have a good friend who spends the winter in Florida. He cannot get back to Canada during the winter-time but he sends a contribution to the campaign fund of the hon. member from Regina, and I should like him to continue to do so. I do not think that such a contribution should be considered as a contribution from a foreign source. In this regard, I think everyone knows what we mean, namely, that candidates should not in the normal course finance an election campaign directly or indirectly from a source outside Canada or through funds, the source of which, is other than Canadian. Surely, no one can disagree with that suggestion.

Amendments Nos. 7, 17 and 31 could be inserted in this bill without any damage to the political reputation of anyone in this country. In fact, I should think that the inclusion of these proposed amendments would enhance the reputation of any candidate taking part in a political campaign. I think I can safely assume that these three amendments will receive the unanimous support of all hon. members in this House, and that they will be accepted by hon. members of this Chamber and incorporated in our electoral laws.

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether the hon. member could explain to me in some detail what he means by the words in